

FALL 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are **FREE** and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Parking fees apply at 40 Asbury Street from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For outdoor events wear closed toe shoes, consider insect repellent and sunscreen. Bring water. Inclement weather cancels outdoor events. For more information Email: Neal.Trubowitz@mass.gov.

**Sundays
through Oct. 8**

**FROM COUNTRY ESTATE TO STATE PARK:
BRADLEY PALMER'S GIFT, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Main Parking Lot, 40 Asbury St., Topsfield.**

Experience wealthy attorney Bradley Webster Palmer's extravagant early 1900s world as you take a 3/4 mile outdoor tour of the mansion, stable, a once celebrated formal garden, and other surviving buildings. Hear how Mr. Palmer donated his 721 acre estate, now Bradley Palmer State Park, to the Commonwealth. Best for ages 8 years & up.

**Mondays
through Oct. 2,
except Sept. 25**

**WILLOWDALE MANSION TOUR, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Willowdale Estate Parking Lot, 24 Asbury St.,
Topsfield.**

Here is your chance to go inside the Willowdale Mansion (willowdaleestate.com) for a unique guided tour. Now an event and wedding venue, this over 100 years-old Arts and Crafts style home has been beautifully restored. The second floor is not accessible. Best for ages 8 years & up.

**Thursdays
Sept. 21, 28, &
Oct. 5**

**KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Nature Center, north of Main Parking Lot.**

Children will learn about nature through coloring pages, pictures, and animal specimens. The topic varies every week, so come for all, rain or shine! Weather permitting we take a short walk to the ponds to look for wildlife. For Pre-K, ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult.

**Fridays
through Oct. 6,
except Sept. 15**

**EXPLORE THE POND DROP-IN STATION
9:00-10:00 a.m. Ponds at Main Parking Lot.**

What kinds of fascinating creatures live in or visit the ponds? Come and visit with the Park Interpreter to see if any creatures are stirring, and if any plants are flowering. Best for ages pre-K and up. This is a great family activity.

**Friday Sept. 15,
Part of Trails &
Sails
Saturdays
except Sept. 16**

**BP (BEFORE PALMER): THE LAMSON FARM, 1680-
PRESENT, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Main Parking Lot.**

Before Mr. Palmer bought the land that became this Park, it was the Lamson Family farm for over 200 years. Take a stroll to see the remaining farmhouse exterior and other features of the farm. Best for ages 8 years & up.

**Saturdays and
Sundays
through Oct. 8,
except Sat.
Sept. 16**

**DROP-IN: NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE
1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Building north of Main Parking Lot

The Park Interpreter will demonstrate and answer questions. Come see and touch animal furs, replica skulls, animal models, etc. For ages Pre-K and up. This is a great family activity.